

Appl. No.: 10/698,375
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REMARKS

Claims 1-44 are pending in the application.

The suggestions made by Examiner Hampton-Hightower in the above identified Office Action have been adopted, therefore obviating the indicated rejections.

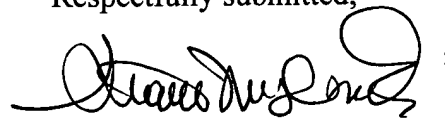
Accordingly, the provisional rejection of claims 1-44 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-80 of copending Application No.: 10/834,908 is respectfully traversed. The attached Terminal Disclaimer, in accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, obviates the rejection.

Further, Applicants agree with the Examiner that the additional prior art references cited by the Examiner of Wood et al. (US 5,519,110), Wood et al. (US 5,659,008), Tomida et al. (US 5,854,378), Sikes (US 5,981,691), Wagner et al. (6,187,898), Mazo et al. (6,399,715), Sikes et al. (6,495,658), Dietz et al. (US 6,737,501) Yasuda et al. (US 6,784,280) and Sikes (US 6,825,313) neither disclose nor suggest the subject matter claimed in the present application.

Having complied with the suggestions made by Examiner Hampton-Hightower, Applicants submit that the application is now ready for allowance and early notification to that effect will be greatly appreciated.

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